



## Summary Minutes

### System Expansion Committee Meeting June 13, 2019

#### Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Committee Chair Claudia Balducci, in the Ruth Fisher Boardroom, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

#### Roll call of members

Chair	Vice Chair
(P) Claudia Balducci, King County Councilmember	(P) Victoria Woodards, Tacoma Mayor

Board Members	
(P) Nancy Backus, Auburn Mayor	(P) Dave Earling, Edmonds Mayor
(P) David Baker, Kenmore Mayor	(P) Kent Keel, University Place Mayor
(A) Jenny Durkan, Seattle Mayor	(A) Dave Upthegrove, King County Councilmember

Katie Flores, Board Administrator, announced that a quorum of the System Expansion Committee was present at roll call.

#### Report of the Chair

Committee Chair Balducci approved Boardmember Woodard's request to participate in the meeting via teleconference.

#### CEO Report

##### Development Agreements

Chief Executive Officer Peter Rogoff provided the report. He noted that the agenda includes two development agreements that will help continue the implementation of the ST3 plan. One agreement with the City of Redmond and the other with the City of Federal way. Peter thanked Mayor Marchione and Mayor Ferrell for their staff's efforts in helping move these forward.

##### Speaking Event: Bellevue Rotary Luncheon

CEO Rogoff shared that earlier this week he attended the Bellevue Rotary Luncheon to deliver an update on Sound Transit's work on the Eastside, including on the East Link as well as STRIDE Bus Rapid Transit. Peter thanked Fred Auch, Chair of Sound Transit's Citizen Oversight Panel for extending the invitation. The update was well received, and Peter noted that he looks forward to future engagements with the Rotary Club of Bellevue.

##### Siemens's LRV delivery

The first of Sound Transit's new light rail vehicles arrived at Sound Transit operations and maintenance facility in SODO. This marks the beginning of regular delivery of between one and three vehicles per month through 2024. The purchase of these vehicles was authorized by the Board two years ago. Sound Transit will receive a total of 152 LRVs from Siemens. The new cars will almost triple the size of

Sound Transit's fleet and are a sign that Sound Transit is entering a period of major system expansion. Sound Transit needs the LRVs to meet rider demand as we open the Northgate Link Extension in 2021, followed by the Bellevue Link Extension in 2023, and Lynnwood, Federal Way and Downtown Redmond Extensions in 2024. The new cars will require extensive testing and commissioning before they enter revenue service. A media event will be held June 19th, 2019 to preview the new cars and to whet everyone's appetite for when they do start to serve our customers. Peter encouraged Boardmember participation.

#### WSDOT flyer stop closure

Work is underway on the State Route (SR) 520 Montlake Project, a joint effort of WSDOT, King County Metro and Sound Transit to construct a new multimodal transit center for local and regional bus service, along with a landscaped lid over 520. The project will replace the current highway-level Montlake Freeway Station. The construction of the improvements requires the closure of the Montlake Freeway Station closure beginning June 22, 2019. Closure of the station will keep riders safe and facilitate a shorter construction period for the Montlake Project. WSDOT, Metro, and Sound Transit have been notifying riders about the closure and alternative bus options will continue outreach to bus riders during SR 520 Montlake Project construction. The project is estimated to be complete in 2023 or 2024.

### **Public comment**

Alex Tsimerman  
Marguerite Richard  
Tony Doucette

### **Business items**

#### **Items for Committee final action**

May 9, 2019, System Expansion Committee minutes

**It was moved by Boardmember Keel, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that the minutes of May 9, 2019, System Expansion Committee Meeting be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2019-60: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract modification with HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide project development services for Operations and Maintenance Facility South within the Tacoma Dome Link Extension Project in the amount of \$7,812,399 with a ten percent contingency of \$781,239, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$19,912,536.

Curvie Hawkins, HCT Project Development Director, and Sue Comis, HCT Development Manager, presented the staff report. This action is a follow up to Motion No. M2019-50, the Board action that identified three Link Operations and Maintenance Facility South site alternatives to study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Ms. Comis explained the scope of work for Phase 2. The scope includes completing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the three selected sites. One site selected is a landfill and two sites are in the City of Federal Way. The scope of work also includes cost estimating, construction planning, draft EIS analysis, community outreach and engagement, geographic information systems (GIS) and graphics. Sound Transit staff plans to bring a separate contract modification before the Board for Phase 2 of the Link Extension portion of TDLE project.

This project has an authorized project allocation of \$125,670,000. Sound Transit staff is preparing a future action to baseline the project.

Chair Balducci stated that the Elected Leadership Group (ELG) is having their final meeting the following day. The ELG is looking forward to coming up with recommendations for the Draft EIS at this meeting.

**It was moved by Boardmember Keel, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2019-60 be approved as presented.**

Motion No. M2019-64 Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute Task Order 2 under the City Services Agreement between the City of Kent and Sound Transit for services to be provided by the City of Kent for the Federal Way Link Extension for a total authorized task order amount not to exceed \$6,700,000.

Dan Abernathy, Executive Project Director, and Zach Eskenazi, HCT Project Manager, DECM, presented the staff report. The task order will support the project schedule from July 2019 through project closeout, which is anticipated in 2024. The key activities under this task order include providing a dedicated city liaison who will participate in ongoing over the shoulder design review, expedite reviews, approvals, inspections and accept punch list items at closeout.

Chair Balducci inquired how this agreement compares to other jurisdictions. Mr. Abernathy responded that this is same approach staff used for the Downtown Redmond Link Extension (DRLE). He pointed out that this agreement is similar in scope and size with the exception of the fee structure. The difference is due to the City of Kent having two elevated stations and a few miles of guideway in their jurisdiction.

**It was moved by Boardmember Upthegrove, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2019-64 be approved as presented.**

#### **Items for recommendation to the Board**

Motion No. M2019-62: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with King County for the County to pay the cost of the design and construction of two betterments requested by the County to be delivered as part of Downtown Redmond Link Extension, for a total authorized agreement amount of \$7,839,000.

Tony Raben, Executive Project Director and Brian Holloway, Corridor Design Manager, DECM, presented the staff report. Mr. Raben provided a brief overview of the DRLE project status. The project is near the end of the procurement phase. Sound Transit staff has identified the highest ranked design build firm and are currently in negotiations. Sound Transit staff plans to bring this before the Board for its consideration in July 2019. Sound Transit staff is also finalizing third party agreements, property acquisitions, and permitting. Mr. Raben emphasized that there is an aggressive schedule for the DRLE project. He thanked King County for their cooperation.

This agreement allows King County to reimburse Sound Transit for two betterments that were included in the Design Build Contract. One betterment is the Eastlake Sammamish Trail connection and the other is a water service to Marymoor Park. The trail work would connect the existing Eastlake Sammamish Trail to the existing Redmond Central connector trail through a grade separated corridor established by the DRLE project. The water service includes upsizing and extending the water service plan for the Southeast Redmond station to the northeast corner of the Marymoor Park. The county will own, operate and maintain the betterments following their construction.

Chair Balducci commented that she appreciates this motion because of the reconfiguration of the station guideway that allows for improved trail connections, bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to the station.

**It was moved by Boardmember Keel, seconded by Boardmember Earling, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2019-62 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.**

Motion No. M2019-63: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Development Agreement with the City of Redmond for the Downtown Redmond Link Extension for a total authorized agreement amount of \$1,379,675.

Tony Raben, Executive Project Director, DECM and Becca Aue, East Corridor Project Manager, PEPD presenting the staff report. This development agreement with the City of Redmond provides Sound Transit with certainty on development requirements, design standards, mitigation measures and review procedures that are necessary to achieve the 2024 revenue service goal.

**It was moved by Boardmember Backus, seconded by Boardmember Keel, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2019-63 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.**

Motion No. M2019-65: Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a Development Agreement with the City of Federal Way for the Federal Way Link Extension.

Dan Abernathy, Executive Project Director, and Zach Eskenazi, HCT Project Manager, DECM, presented the staff report. This is the last development agreement with the jurisdictions in the Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE) project corridor. The agreement was approved by the Federal Way City Council on June 4, 2019. The development agreement is the city's land use approval for the FWLE project. It defines code interpretations, and confirms key design elements including which intersections and streets Sound Transit is improving as part of the project, and how the contractor's haul route will be restored.

There is no cost associated with this development agreement.

**It was moved by Boardmember Upthegrove, seconded by Boardmember Backus, and carried by unanimous vote that Motion No. M2019-65 be forwarded to the Board with a do pass recommendation.**

## **Reports to the committee**

None.

## **Executive session**

None.

## **Other business**

None.

## **Next meeting**

Thursday, August 8, 2019  
1:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
Ruth Fisher Boardroom

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Claudia Balducci  
System Expansion Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator

APPROVED on July 11, 2019, TB